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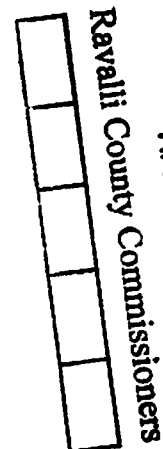
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Re: Letter from Montana Department of Administration dated April 8, 2008;
Financial Compliance with Audit Request

Dear Trustees:

Please find enclosed a copy of a letter Ravalli County received from the Montana Department of Administration, Local Government Services Bureau, as well as attachments. This letter requests compliance in providing necessary financial documentation to complete required audits.

As you are likely aware, §2-7-503, MCA, requires local government entities such as fire districts to ensure that a financial report is made every year in a form prescribed by the Department of Administration. Further, §2-7-511, MCA, requires officers of local government entities to provide access to accounts to independent auditor as requested.

Please be advised that you must provide the requested financial information to the

Department of Administration in a timely manner. There is no defense I can advance on your behalf for failure to provide necessary financial reports and information to complete audits required by the State. Montana law is very clear regarding your obligation to provide necessary financial accountings and you must take what ever steps necessary to remedy these failures immediately. **Note that the Department's letter requests action from you no later than May 2, 2008.**

Please also be advised that continued failure to comply with the request for financial information may result in civil and/or criminal penalties for the Fire District as an entity and for any individuals involved.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



George H. Corn
Ravalli County Attorney

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Enclosure: as stated

cc: Kay Gray, Bureau Chief, Local Government Services
Kathleen Driscoll, Ravalli County Commissioner

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